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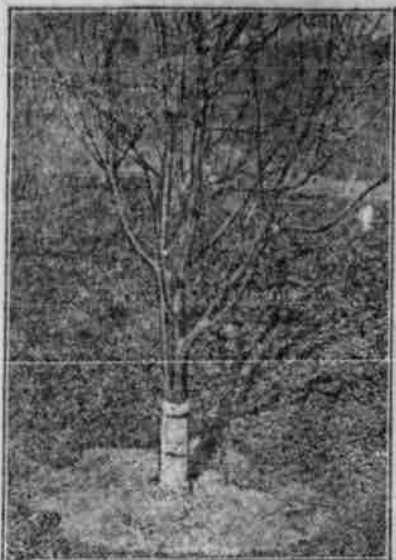
## Horticultural Points

### RABBITS AS ORCHARD PESTS

Department of Agriculture Recommends Wash to Be Applied to Trunks of Trees With Brush.

In the sections of the United States where heavy snow abounds in winter, rabbits, especially jack rabbits, become a serious pest in young orchards, by girdling the trees just above the snow line. Various methods of protecting trees have been used with more or less success, particularly that of wrapping the trees with thin sheets of wood made for the purpose, or coiled wire wrappers.

The United States department of agriculture recommends the following



Apple Tree Wrapped With Paper to Protect Against Rabbits.

Wash to be applied to the tree trunks with a brush:

Unslaked lime, 20 pounds; flowers of sulphur, 15 pounds; water, 50 gallons.

"This wash has been used successfully," says Prof. W. L. Burnett of the Colorado Agricultural college. "When trees have been girdled, the gnawed surface must be covered at once, before the wind and sun have access to the wound. The injured parts may be painted or covered with grafting wax."

"As a rule, trees treated in this manner, in the spring will grow new bark. In cases of severe girdling, the method of bridge grafting may be used, this operation being a simple one for a nurseryman familiar with the process of grafting."

### CARING FOR PLANTED TREES

Large Amount of Foliage Requires More Food Material Than Broken Root System Can Supply.

When the trees are taken from the nursery row, a large part of the root system is left in the ground; the equilibrium between the roots and the top of the tree is thus disturbed, and it is obvious that a part of the top should also be removed. Should the top be left unpruned, transpiration will take place too rapidly. The large amount of foliage requires more water and food material than the short root system can supply.

Trees which have not been cut back will often start growing too vigorously only to die when the food and water which is stored in the plant, or which is easily available, is exhausted. All branches and torn roots should be cut back to healthy tissue, leaving smooth cuts that will readily heal. Long, straggly roots should be shortened, and any masses or tangled roots should be shortened and thinned.—Nebraska Station.

### WRAP LATE AUTUMN APPLES

Arranged in Layers in Barrels and Boxes and Placed in Dry, Cool Place Will Keep Nicely.

(By M. COVERDELL.)

Late autumn apples can be wrapped in thin paper, arranged in layers in barrels and boxes, set in a cool, dry place and kept till the following spring, their flavor being enhanced by the storage and close confinement. This is especially commendable where one is short on the winter varieties, or the autumn fruit can be used and the more valuable winter fruit be marketed. Only smooth, sound fruit should thus be stored, and one should make frequent inspection of the supply to see that no deterioration has set in, as this class of fruit spoils very quickly, contamination spreading very rapidly, once it begins.

### Safest Orchard Planting.

A western horticulturist, who has had a very extensive experience in orchard planting, says that he makes it a practice when planting a large orchard, to follow his planters and try to pull up the trees. When a sharp jerk fails to loosen a tree, it is set firmly enough. But if the soil cracks or the tree pulls out, then it must be reset and the soil packed down as firmly as it should have been in the first place.

### AT THE CHURCHES.

Strangers in the city and the public are cordially invited to all services at the following churches:

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First Baptist Church—Rev. C. M. Thompson, Pastor. Services as usual. Sunday School—9:30 a. m. Morning Service—11:40 a. m. Evening Service—7:30 p. m.

Second Baptist Church—Rev. W. R. Goodman, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Preaching—11 a. m. Preaching—7:30 p. m. R. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night—7:30 p. m.

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Grace Church—Rev. Geo. C. Abbott, Rector. Morning prayer and sermon at 6:45. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

### PECULIAR CONTRACT.

A curious fact was divulged in the British house of commons recently in the debate in supply on the vote of £60,000 to purchase Col. Hall Walker's property at Tully, in Kildare, and in Wiltshire, to meet the requirements of the stud of horses which the colonel has presented to the government for the breeding of horses for the army. The secretary to the board of agriculture stated that seven two-year-olds are to be loaned to the Earl of Lonsdale, who will run them in races on the understanding that he will give the government half the winnings after payment of expenses.

### RUSSIAN LEADER.

As a commander of men the Grand Duke Nicholas is pre-eminent in Russia. He is a stern disciplinarian and has incurred the dislike of some officers who have felt his displeasure, but the soldiers love him because they know that he is fair, and because they know that under his austere exterior there are a generous heart and a keen sense of humor.

### THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

"Another moving picture star has signed a contract for an enormous salary."

"I don't see how these people earn all the money they get."

"They don't. Even a press agent will concede that much after he has had a few drinks."

### THE REASON.

Enthusiastic Author—There are lots of atmosphere in this place.

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